

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1, 3, 4, 10, 11, 19, 22, 24, 25, 28, 32, 33, 34, 36-38, 40, and 41 are amended herein. Claim 6 is cancelled. All pending claims and their present status are produced below.

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for managing tasks, the method comprising ~~steps of~~:

accessing a first server from a client;

retrieving by the first server status information associated with tasks stored on a database for display to the client;

receiving an instruction from a user for managing the tasks;

determining whether the user is of a type authorized to execute the instruction;

responsive to a determination that the user is of a type authorized to execute the instruction received, generating updates to the status information; and

providing the status information as updated for display at the client.

2. (Original) The computer-implemented method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of encapsulating functions associated with the tasks as programmable objects.

3. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of Claim 1, wherein the tasks comprise[[s]] a plurality of attributes selected from a group comprising a description, a completion date, a priority indicator, a duration indicator, an originator, and an assignee.

4. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of Claim [[3]]1, wherein the step of generating updates to the status information comprises the sub-steps of:

tracking a completion date associated with at least one of the tasks;

determining a failure to complete the at least one task by [[the]]a completion date corresponding thereto; and providing notification of the failure.

5. (Original) The computer-implemented method of Claim 4, wherein providing notification comprises the sub-steps of:

determining an assignee having responsibility for completing the task for which failure was determined; and forwarding a notification to a manager associated with the assignee.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) The computer-implemented method of Claim 1, wherein the step of generating updates to the status information comprises the sub-steps of:

modifying the status information based on the user instruction; and storing modified status information in the database.

8. (Original) The computer-implemented method of Claim 7, wherein the step of modifying the status information comprises the sub-steps of:

determining a class associated with a group of tasks; verifying that the class includes a parameter enabling modification of the status information; and responsive to verification that the class includes a parameter enabling modification, modifying the status information in accordance with the parameter.

9. (Original) The computer-implemented method of Claim 8, wherein the class is selected from a group comprising users, managers, and administrators.

10. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of Claim [[9]]8, further comprising the step of associating access permission with the parameter by an administrator.
11. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of Claim [[9]]8, further comprising the step of assigning tasks to a selected user.
12. (Original) The computer-implemented method of Claim 9, wherein the status information indicates to the users the tasks to be completed.
13. (Original) The computer-implemented method of Claim 9, wherein the status information indicates to the managers the tasks that are overdue.
14. (Original) The computer-implemented method of Claim 1, wherein the user instruction is selected from a group comprising an update to a task, and creation of a new task.
15. (Original) The computer-implemented method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
 - maintaining a representation of the status information on the first server;
 - modifying the status information with the updates; and
 - storing the modified status information to the database.
16. (Original) A method for integrating status information with updated information, the method comprising the steps of:
 - accessing an account in response to an instruction received from a user;
 - receiving the status information associated with the account from a database;
 - receiving the updated information for modifying the status information from the user; and
 - forming a combined presentation of the status information modified by the updated information, wherein the combined presentation includes a representation of the status

information received from the database and a representation of the updated information.

17. (Original) The method of Claim 16, further comprising the step of transferring the combined presentation to a client computer for display.

18. (Original) The method of Claim 16, further comprising the step of storing the status information modified by the updated information on the database.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[17]]16, wherein the status information comprises a plurality of tasks and a plurality of anomalies.

20. (Original) The method of Claim 19, further comprising the steps of:
assigning a completion date to a first one of the tasks;
determining whether the first one of the tasks was completed by the completion date;
indicating that the first one of the tasks is an incomplete task if it is determined that the first one of the tasks was not completed by the completion date; and
providing notification of the incomplete task to an additional account for initiating follow up.

21. (Original) The method of Claim 20, wherein the step of providing notification of the incomplete task comprises the sub-steps of:

determining a user associated with the account having responsibility for completing the incomplete task; and
transmitting the notification to the additional account assigned to a manager associated with the user.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[19]]16, wherein accessing an account in response to an instruction received from a user comprises the sub-steps of:

receiving a user identification number and a password from the instruction;

accessing the database to authenticate the user identification number and the password;

and

responsive to the user identification number and the password being authenticated,

enabling access to the account.

23. (Original) The method of Claim 22, further comprising the sub-step of generating an error message for display on the client computer responsive to the user identification number and the password being unauthenticated.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[19]]16, wherein the step of receiving the status information associated with the account comprises the sub-steps of:

extracting state information from the instruction; and

determining whether a user-defined display format is associated with the state information exists.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 24, further comprising the sub-steps of:

responsive to determining that the user-defined display format exists, retrieving the user-defined display format from the database; and

determining whether the user-defined display format is associated with one or more [[of the]] tasks and [[the]] anomalies.

26. (Original) The method of Claim 25, further comprising the step of incorporating the user-defined display format with the tasks and the anomalies in the combined presentation in response to the user-defined display format being associated with the tasks and the anomalies.

27. (Original) The method of Claim 25, further comprising the step of incorporating a default display format in the combined presentation responsive to the user-defined display format being un-associated with the tasks and the anomalies.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 24, further comprising the sub-step of :
responsive to determining that the user-defined display format does not exist, retrieving a default display format from a server; and
extracting [[the]] tasks and [[the]] anomalies associated with the user from the database.

29. (Original) The method of Claim 28, further comprising the step of incorporating the tasks and the anomalies extracted with the default display format in the combined presentation.

30. (Original) The method of Claim 16, wherein the combined presentation includes at least one form for representing the status information.

31. (Original) The method of Claim 16, wherein accessing an account in response to an instruction received from a user comprises the sub-steps of:
processing requests received in the instruction to identify the user; and
coordinating the requests in order to access and control the account.

32. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for tracking work flow information, the method comprising the steps of:

accessing an account on a server from a client by one of a plurality of[[a]] users;

displaying the work flow information in response to accessing the account according to the position of the one of a plurality of users;
modifying the information with updates; and
storing the information modified to the database.

33. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of Claim 32, wherein the information displayed is selected from a group comprising tasks to be completed, and anomalies that are incomplete.

34. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of Claim 33, further comprising the steps of:

assigning each of the tasks a serial number; and
identifying each of the tasks by the serial number corresponding thereto when the information is received.

35. (Original) The computer-implemented method of Claim 32, further comprising the step of selecting an order in which the information is displayed.

36. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of Claim [[33]]32, wherein the account is associated with [[a]] one of a plurality of users selected from a group comprising users of types user[[s]], manager[[s]], and administrator[[s]].

37. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of Claim [[36]]32, wherein the step of modifying the information with updates includes [[a]] one of a plurality of users defining an anomaly associated with the work flow information.

38. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of Claim 37, wherein the step of modifying the information with updates includes a manager assigning at least one of the plurality of users the anomaly for rectification.

39. (Original) A system for tracking status information, comprising:

 a server for accessing an account in response to an instruction received from a client device communicatively coupled to the server;
 coupled to the server, a database for providing the status information associated with the account based on the instruction received;
 a module for maintaining a copy of the status information on the server; and
 a module for forming a combined presentation of the copy of status information and updates provided by the client device.

40. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for deriving services through one or more accounts from a database, the computer program product stored on a computer readable medium, and adapted to perform the operations of:

 accessing the accounts at a server in response to user instructions received, subject to a determination that the user instructions are from a user of a type authorized to execute the instructions;
 the server extracting status information from the databases for a plurality of tasks associated with the online one or more accounts;
 updating the status information based on the user instructions; and
 storing the status information updated on the databases.

41. (Currently Amended) A program product for tracking completion of tasks from at least one account, the program product stored on a computer readable medium and adapted to perform the operations of:

accessing the at least one account through sign-on over a first server;
responsive to user input, selecting particular ones of the tasks for viewing status information corresponding thereto, subject to a determination that the user input is from a user of a type authorized to execute the user input;
providing updates for the status information, the updates related to completion of the particular ones of the tasks; and
storing the updates for the status information to the online at least one account.